

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

And so another term comes to an end. I always feel that it is this time of year that the children suddenly seem to have grown taller and more confident. Year 3 and 4 finished off the term with their Roman Day and trip to the Roman Baths. It was wonderful to see so many parents in once again. We are a very lucky school to have such involved parents.



House morning

This morning, we held a House morning in which all the children from Reception to Year 6 took part in an activity in their house groups. One thing our school does very well is to build strong relationships between children of all ages. One of my favorite sights is seeing our older children read with younger children as part of our Reading Buddies scheme.

Amethyst Power - keeping focused

We have been focusing on Sapphire Power - Being Resilient this term. It is important that children are sometimes put outside their comfort zones and experience challenge so that they learn how to be resilient and bounce back when things go wrong. Next term we will be focusing on Amethyst Power - keeping focused.

NSPCC/O2 E-safety Session for parents

The NSPCC/ O2 e-safety parents' session on Thursday was extremely informative and provided some useful links and contacts to help parents feel confident in how to guide children to be safe online. The most important message was that, as parents, we should be having regular discussions about how to stay safe online. Again, we need to be careful not to be over-protective as children need to learn how to use the internet with care; however, we also need to be aware of potential risks and teach children how to make safe choices.

www.net-aware.org.uk is a really useful website to find out more about a particular site, game or app, learn how risky children/ parents judge it to be and to find out how to use privacy settings.

0808 800 5002 is a free telephone hotline with tech gurus available to talk parents through how to apply security settings on any app/ piece of software.

<https://ceop.police.uk> - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. Use this site to make a report if something has happened which makes you feel your child is unsafe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - a great resource from CEOPS with lots of ideas of how to talk to your children about online safety.

Gardening Club

Will be running again next term and Mrs Smith, Mrs Edgell and Miss Farnham would be very grateful for any donations of seeds, plants compost and equipment in particular watering cans

Clubs

The new clubs listing for terms 5&6 will go home on Monday 24th April and clubs will start the week commencing 1st May

Tennis Opportunities

Camvale Tennis Club (based in Paulton) is once again hosting a tennis camp next week (Monday, 10th to Friday, 14th April) - 9:30am until 12:30pm. Ages 4 to 10 and all abilities. Cost = £12 per day (or £50 for the whole week). If anyone is interested then please contact Brian Wessell on 01761 412693 or mobile 07732 401119.

Once again the LTA are offering a FREE 6 week coaching course for those children aged 5 to 8 years old. This is available to new players and - yes it is absolutely free with each child who completes the course receiving a racket and certificate! Although UK wide, the local courses will be at Camvale Tennis Club and Writhlington. Anyone who wants to register should go to: www.lta.org.uk/SignUpKids. Spaces are limited spaces - 10 children per course so early registration is recommended. The official launch is tomorrow.

Sports news

It has been a packed schedule of football matches this week for the boys' squad. They have had three fantastic matches: a 7-1 win against St John's, a 2-1 loss against Westfield and a 5-0 win against St Nicholas. Well done to all the boys involved. Many thanks to the parents for transporting and supporting. Please can we have all kit back in on the first Monday after Easter.



Promoting a love of sport starts in nursery!

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 24th April.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Alun Randell
Head Teacher



News



Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

Letters home this week:

All letters are uploaded to the school website
KS1 Longleat
Year 2 Easter Homework challenges



Head Teacher Awards



Millie Jessica Will Darcey
Bobbie Charlie Archie Isabella
Eva Isabella Cora Aisha Hayden



Gold Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Katie Ella-Rose Layla Frasier Rosie

Bradley Fausteja Xavier Tyler George

Keira Millie Sam



Birthdays

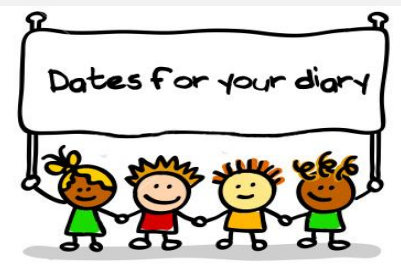


Joseph Daisy Will Mya Otis
Harry Amira James Elwood Alfie
Dexter Callum Daisy Reuben Abigail

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Earth	96.8%
2 nd	Mars	96.6%
Joint 3 rd	Nursery/Pluto	95.6%

Well done everybody!



Mon 24 Apr - T5 starts
Wed 3 May - Class photos
Thu 25 May - KS1 Longleat Trip
Fri 26 May - end of T5

Mon 5 Jun - INSET Day

Please do not use our school car park except if you are a disabled badge holder.

